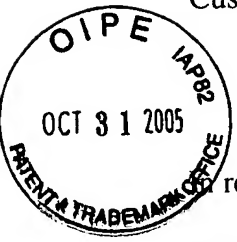


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2005, to which a response is due without an extension by November 1, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

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